



## 2017 MARCH CALENDAR

# BLACKSTONE RIVER & CANAL HERITAGE STATE PARK

River Bend Farm Visitor Center is located at 287 Oak Street Uxbridge MA 01569

Visitor Services Supervisor: Kathryn Park Phone Number: 508-278-7604

All programs are free and open to the public. Children must be accompanied by adult.

Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Guided tours for groups with advance notice.

For more information please call the park or online at

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-central/blackstone-river-and-canal-heritage-state-park.html>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Kidleidoscope Story Time 10:30-11:30	4 Maple Days 11-2
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## RIVER BEND FARM VISITORS CENTER

<b><i>Following the Plough Exhibit</i></b> at River Bend Farm Visitors Center	The Visitors' Center is open from 10-4 daily. Our exhibit "Following the Plough" explores the story of the Blackstone Valley and its communities from pre-European settlement through European style agricultural development, industrialization, and into today. Guided tours for groups with advance notice. Free Admission. Accessible.
<b>Healthy Heart Towpath Walk</b>	Staying active is a healthy life choice and what better place than in a beautiful state park. Portions of the Blackstone Canal Towpath are designated as an easy 1 mile Healthy Heart Hike. Pick up a self-guided towpath brochure in the visitor center and get out often for this enjoyable walk that offers diverse scenery along the way.

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

<b>Kidleidoscope Story Time</b>	Join us in the heated meeting room for nature stories, followed by a craft activity and a short outdoor nature walk. Meets rain, or shine- during inclement weather, outdoor discoveries will be substituted by a scavenger hunt in the unheated hayloft of River Bend Farm Visitor Center. Bundle up and get young children out and enjoying nature!
<b>Maple Days</b>	The sweet tradition continues first weekend in March! Guided tours start every hour at 11:00, noon, 1:00 and 2:00. Tours last up to 90 minutes. Park staff and volunteers take you through the art and science of producing maple syrup. Identify maple trees, see trees being tapped, participate in gathering sap, and visit the steamy sugar house to watch syrup being made. Tours include both indoor and outdoor elements. Please dress for the weather, and wear appropriate footwear for a short walk. Program is free for all ages and open to the public. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Program runs rain, snow or shine, but may be modified. For updates during inclement weather, please email <a href="mailto:blackstone.heritage@state.ma.us">blackstone.heritage@state.ma.us</a> or call 508-278-7604.
<b>Maple Sugar Maker's Open House</b>	Celebrate Maple Month and visit the open sugarhouse and talk about maple sugaring from tree to table. Enjoy a short video on the sweet tradition of sugaring in the hayloft of River Bend Farm Visitor Center and enjoy hands on activities in the heated conference room. Drop in to this ongoing program between 10am and 2pm. Free and open to the public of all ages.



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